

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-24 by rewriting same to read as follows.

--1. (Amended) An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a portable housing having an image display section provided thereon;

a lid mounted for opening and closing motion on said housing for covering said display section;

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opening/closing detection means for detecting an opening or closing motion of said lid with respect to said housing;

display control means for displaying display data on said image display section;

audio reproducing means for reproducing audio data relating to the display data; and

control means for controlling said audio reproducing means so as to reproduce, when opening or closing of said lid is detected by said opening/closing detection means, the audio data relating to the display data displayed when the opening or closing motion of said lid is detected by said opening/closing detection means.

--2. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the reproduction of the audio data is started when closing of said lid with respect to said housing is detected by said opening/closing detection means.

--3. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, when the reproducing of the audio data is started, the display of the display data on said image display section is stopped by said display control means.

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--4. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein, when the display of the display data is stopped, supply of power to said image display section is stopped.

--5. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising link data reproducing means for reproducing link data indicative of a relation between the display data and the audio data.

--6. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the reproducing of the audio data is started from a relating to the display data displayed when

opening or closing motion of said lid is detected and the link data.

--7. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said control means further controls said display control means so that the display on said image display section is started from the display data relating to the audio data reproduced when the opening or closing motion of said lid is detected by said opening/closing detection means based on the link data reproduced by said link data reproducing means.

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--8. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the display of the display data on said image display section is started when opening motion of said lid with respect to said housing is detected by said opening/closing detection means.

--9. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the reproducing of the audio data by said audio reproducing means is stopped when the display of the display data on said image display section is started.

--10. (Amended) The information processing apparatus

according to claim 1, further comprising operation means for operation by to input an instruction to start reproducing of the audio data, and wherein the reproducing of the audio data is started when an instruction to reproduce the audio data is inputted through said operation means when the reproducing of the audio data has stopped.

--11. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the reproducing of the audio data is started when said lid is closed with respect to said housing.

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--12. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising reproducing resumption position storage means for storing reproducing resumption position data indicative of a resumption position of reproduction of one of the display data and the audio data and, wherein, when an instruction to resume reproduction of the display data or the audio data is received, one of displaying the display data and reproducing the audio data is resumed based on the reproducing resumption position data stored in said reproducing resumption position storage means.

--13. (Amended) The information processing apparatus

according to claim 1, further comprising connection means for connection to an audio apparatus to which audio data reproduced by said audio reproducing means are to be outputted, and connection detection means for detecting that the audio apparatus is connected to said connection means and, wherein when an instruction to reproduce the audio data is issued while said connection detection means does not detect connection of the audio apparatus, then the reproducing of the audio data is stopped.

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--14. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising power supply control means for controlling a power supply to said information processing apparatus, wherein said control means controls said power supply control means so that the power supply to said information processing apparatus is switched off after the reproducing of the audio data is stopped.

--15. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising audio outputting means for outputting the audio data reproduced by said audio reproducing means, connection means for connecting an external audio apparatus to which audio data reproduced by said audio

reproducing means are outputted, and inhibition data reproducing means for reproducing inhibition data representative of an inhibition state of outputting of the audio data by said audio outputting means, wherein, when the inhibition data is reproduced by said inhibition data reproducing means, the audio data reproduced by said audio data reproducing means are outputted only to said connection means.

--16. (Amended) An information processing apparatus, comprising:

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a portable housing having an image display section provided thereon;

a lid mounted for opening and closing motion on said housing for covering said display section;

display data storage means for storing display data;

audio data storage means for storing audio data;

opening/closing detection means for detecting the opening or closing motion of said lid with respect to said housing;

display control means for reproducing the display data from said display data storage means for display on said image display section;

audio reproducing means for reproducing the audio data

from said audio storage means; and

control means for controlling said display control means so that the reproducing of said display data is stopped when closing motion of said lid with respect to said housing is detected by said opening/closing detection means while said image display section displays the display data and controlling said audio reproducing means so that the audio data relating to the display data displayed by said display control means when the closing motion of said lid is detected are reproduced from said audio storage means.

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--17. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 16, further comprising link data storage means for storing link data of storage positions of the display data and the audio data, and wherein said control means calculates, based on the link data, a start position of the audio data relating to the display data displayed when the closing motion of said lid is detected and further controls the reproducing of the audio data based on a result of the calculation.

--18. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 17, further comprising connection means for outputting the reproduced audio data to another audio apparatus

connected to said information processing apparatus, and connection detection means for detecting that the another audio apparatus is connected to said connection means, and wherein said control means stops the reproducing of the audio data based on a result of the detection of said connection detection means.

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--19. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 18, further comprising power supply control means for controlling a power supply to said information processing apparatus, and wherein said control means controls said power supply control means so that the power supply to said information processing apparatus is switched off after the reproducing of the audio data is stopped.

--20. (Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 17, further comprising:

connection means for outputting the reproduced audio data to another audio apparatus connected to said information processing apparatus;

outputting means for outputting the reproduced audio data; and

output permission/inhibition information storage means for storing audio output permission/inhibition information

indicative of whether outputting of the audio data by said outputting means is permitted or inhibited, and wherein

said control means controls so that, when the audio output permission/inhibition information indicates inhibition of outputting of the audio data from said outputting means, the audio data reproduced by said audio reproducing means is outputted to said connection means.

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--21. (Amended) A controlling method of controlling outputting, from an information processing apparatus that includes a portable housing having an image display section provided thereon and a movable lid mounted for opening and closing motion on said housing for covering said display section, display data to be displayed on said image display section and audio data relating to the display data, the method comprising the steps of:

successively displaying the display data on said image display section in response to an operation of a user;

detecting that said lid for said housing is moved while the display data are displayed;

searching for the audio data relating to the display data displayed on said image display section when it is detected that said lid is moved; and

successively reproducing the audio data from the searched audio data.

--22. (Amended) The controlling method according to claim 21, wherein the audio data are reproduced in response to detection of movement of said lid only when said lid is closed.

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--23. (Amended) The controlling method according to claim 21, wherein, when reproducing of the audio data is started, the displaying of the display data on said image display section is stopped.

--24. (Amended) The controlling method according to claim 21, further comprising the steps of searching for reproduction inhibition information representing that the reproducing of the audio data from a speaker included in said information processing apparatus is inhibited before the reproducing of the audio data is started, and inhibiting the reproducing of the audio data when the reproduction inhibition information is detected.

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--25. (Amended) The controlling method according to claim 21, further comprising the steps of: